

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to oppose HB 5653.

As a retired police officer, I like to stay proficient in my firearms ability. I may be retired but my commitment to helping and protecting people has not left me. I will still lay down my life protecting you. I'm concerned that I will not continue to train as often as I'd like because of a rise in the price of ammunition. I am already paying an extra tax every time I buy ammunition. This is unfair and smacks of a "sin tax" to me. It will do NOTHING to make anyone safer, it will have the opposite effect by reducing the amount of training that thousands of retired officers like me, will be able to afford.

I have never misused any of my guns. I have only used them to protect myself and others. Why would you choose to punish me, a law-abiding citizen for the actions of criminals? The criminals are not going to be slowed down by this tax one bit. Do you think they go to your local gun store to buy ammunition for their stolen guns?

This is going to force people to go out of state to stock up on ammunition. This is going to hurt Connecticut businesses. Hasn't the state done enough to hurt business here? You don't need more closing up or moving out of state.

This tax is just a childish punishment for law-abiding gun owners. Grow up.

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